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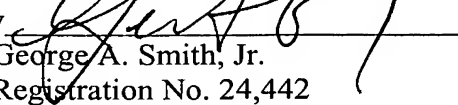
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Sir:

We enclose form PTO/SB/08A and copies of the documents identified therein. A copy of the European search report is enclosed.

In FR2727442 a blanket, for the wet section of a papermaking machine, has a woven base (1) and a superimposed knitted structure (4), covered by a non-woven layer (7), with needle bonding to hold the layers together. The knitted layer (4) is a three-dimensional structure with two parallel knitted surfaces (41, 42) parallel to the base layer (1). The surfaces (41, 42) are joined by yarns (43) at right angles to them. Preferably the woven base layer (1) has warps (2) and wefts (3) of polyamide. The knitted layer (4) is e.g. of polyamide, polyester, polyether ether ketone, etc.

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